

BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2005

A special meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, June 6, 2005, in the Mt. Hope High School Cafeteria, 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI. Marjorie J. McBride, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:10 p.m.

Present: Marjorie J. McBride, William A. Estrella, Jr., William M. O'Dell, Thomas E. Skuba, Joyce M. Kinsella, John P. Saviano, Paul Silva and Beverly Z. Travers; and Edward P. Mara, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; Donna Bettencourt-Glavin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Grants; and Jane F. Correia, Director of Administration and Finance

Absent: none

All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Announcements

Dr. Mara reported that the Senior Prom this past Friday evening was held at the Atlantic Beach Club and went without incident; the students behaved admirably and were invited back.

A female Mt. Hope student was in a car accident this past Friday evening and is in critical condition but improving; not related to the Prom.

Congratulations to the Girl's LaCrosse Team for a great season, and to the Boy's LaCrosse Team for winning the championship.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation #S2005-20: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, award the bid for lead abatement at Hugh Cole School to L.F. Clavin & Company and at Reynolds School to BEC Technologies.

Ms. Travers motioned to approve; Mr. Silva seconded. On a show of hands, the motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Recommendation #S2005-21: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve two requests for home schooling, adhering to all requirements as set forth by the Bristol Warren Regional School District.

Dr. Mara withdrew this recommendation.

PERSONNEL / CONTRACT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation #2005-1: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve and ratify the agreement with the Bristol Warren Education Association, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of the Committee.

Mr. Silva motioned to approve; Mr. Skuba seconded. Mr. Silva wished to point out that this contract “keeps things where the public wants them” – salaries are in the middle of the state, health care contributions will increase over the next three years to 10%, making us one of the highest in the state. The union was cooperative. Ms. Travers said she has not heard from the Ethics Commission and therefore will not vote. Mr. Saviano said he will be voting against the contract as it is not favorable to the tax payers of Warren. On a show of hands, the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 1 with Mr. Saviano voting no and Ms. Travers abstaining.

CHAIRPERSON’S RECOMMENDATION

That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Chair, approve the 2005-2006 salary recommendation for the Superintendent in the amount of a \$6,000 increase.

Ms. Travers, seconded by Mr. Estrella, motioned to approve. Ms. Travers, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Kinsella and Mr. Estrella spoke in support of Dr. Mara’s performance, and thanked him for his leadership abilities, moving the District forward, and creating fiscal soundness, educational reform and improved public perception—the District is

lucky to have him. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Estrella, seconded by Mr. Silva, moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. O'Dell, Secretary

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